

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1 – 3, 5, and 14 – 16 are currently amended. Claims 4 and 6 – 13 are original. Claims 17 and 18 are new. No new matter is added by these amendments. Consideration of all amendments is respectfully requested.

5 **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for controlling a stepping motor in an optical storage system, which comprises a pick-up head for achieving a short seek, and an object lens, the method comprising:  
calculating a number of steps that the stepping motor should rotate; ~~and~~  
10 moving the pick-up head toward a target position by having the stepping motor rotate according to the number of steps;  
determining a shift distance between the object lens and the center of the pick-up head; and  
selectively stopping movement of the pick-up head according to the shift  
15 distance before the short seek is achieved.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the pick-up head is placed on a sled, the sled being electrically connected to the stepping motor, and the  
20 step of moving the pick-up head toward a target position by having the stepping motor rotate according to the number of steps ~~method~~ further comprises:  
utilizing the stepping motor for driving the sled to move the pick-up head toward the target position.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the optical storage system further comprises an object lens placed movably on the pick-up head, and the~~  
25 ~~method further~~ comprising ~~comprises~~ moving the object lens toward a target track.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 further comprising:

moving the object lens from an initial track to the target track according to a predetermined speed; and  
determining at least one step according to a distance between the initial track and  
5 the target track.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 3, wherein ~~a shift distance is between~~

~~the object lens and the center of the pick-up head, and the method~~ the step of  
10 selectively stopping movement of the pick-up head according to the shift  
distance further comprises:

stopping utilizing the stepping motor to move the pick-up head if the shift  
distance is lower than a predetermined shift range, while the object lens has  
not reached the target track, and the stepping motor has not rotated according  
to the number of steps; and

15 utilizing the stepping motor to move the pick-up head if the shift distance is  
greater than the predetermined shift range, while the object lens has not  
reached the target track, and the stepping motor has not rotated according to  
the number of steps.

20 Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the optical storage system further  
comprises a control module for controlling operations of the stepping motor, the  
pick-up head, and the object lens.

Claim 7 (original): A method of achieving a short seek in an optical storage system, the  
25 optical system having a stepping motor, a pick-up head, and an object lens, the  
method comprising:

- (a) calculating a number of steps that the stepping motor should rotate;
- (b) after step (a), utilizing the stepping motor to move the pick-up head toward a

- target position and move the object lens toward a target track at the same time;
- (c) determining if the object lens has reached the target track, wherein the short seek is finished if the object lens has reached the target track; otherwise, step (d) is performed; and
- 5 (d) continuing to move the object lens until the pick-up head has reached the target position and then returning to step (c); otherwise, repeating step (d).

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 7 further comprising:

- (e) during step (d), when the pick-up head has not reached the target position and the object lens has not reached the target track, checking if a shift distance is lower than a predetermined shift range; if true, then stopping utilizing the stepping motor to move the pick-up head; otherwise, going to step(f); and
- 10 (f) continuing to utilize the stepping motor to drive the pick-up head according to a predetermined speed, and then returning to step (e);
- 15 wherein the shift distance is between the object lens and a center of the pick-up head.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the pick-up head is placed on a sled, the sled is electrically connected to the stepping motor, and step (b) utilizes the stepping motor to drive the sled.

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Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 7 further comprising:

- (g) in step (b), moving the object lens from an initial track to the target track according to a predetermined speed curve; and
- 25 (h) in step (b), calculating the number of steps that the stepping motor should rotate according to a distance between the initial track and the target track.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the stepping motor and the object

lens move along a radial direction in step (b).

5 Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the optical storage system further comprises a control module for controlling operations of the stepping motor, the pick-up head, and the object lens.

10 Claim 13 (original): An optical storage system comprising:  
a sled placed movably in the optical storage system;  
a pick-up head placed on the sled;  
an object lens placed movably on the pick-up head;  
a stepping motor electrically connected to the sled for driving the sled to move the pick-up head and stopping the sled and the pick-up head when a shift distance is lower than a predetermined range, and  
15 a control module electrically connected to the stepping motor, the pick-up head, and the object lens for controlling operations of the stepping motor, the pick-up head, and the object lens.

20 Claim 14 (currently amended): The optical storage system of claim 13, ~~wherein~~ wherein the sled and the object lens move along a radial direction.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The optical storage system of claim 13, ~~wherein~~ wherein the shift distance is a distance between the object lens and a center of the pick-up head.

25 Claim 16 (currently amended): The optical storage system of claim 13, ~~wherein~~ wherein the stepping motor is implemented for a short seek.

Claim 17 (new): An optical storage system comprising:

a sled placed movably in the optical storage system;  
a pick-up head placed on the sled;  
an object lens placed movably on the pick-up head;  
a stepping motor, electrically connected to the sled, for driving the sled to move  
5 the pick-up head if a shift distance is greater than a predetermined range and  
the object lens has not reached a target position, and stopping the sled and the  
pick-up head when the shift distance is lower than the predetermined range  
and the object lens has not reached the target position; and  
a control module electrically connected to the stepping motor, the pick-up head,  
10 and the object lens for calculating a number of steps that the stepping motor  
should rotate and controlling operations of the stepping motor, the pick-up  
head, and the object lens

Claim 18 (new): A method for controlling a stepping motor in an optical storage system,  
15 which comprises a pick-up head for achieving a short seek and an object lens  
placed movably on the pick-up head, the method comprising:  
calculating a number of steps that the stepping motor should rotate;  
moving the pick-up head toward a target position by having the stepping motor  
rotate according to the number of steps;  
20 moving the object lens toward a target track;  
stopping utilizing the stepping motor to move the pick-up head if the shift  
distance is lower than a predetermined shift range, while the object lens has  
not reached the target track, and the stepping motor has not rotated according  
to the number of steps; and utilizing the stepping motor to move the pick-up  
25 head if the shift distance is greater than the predetermined shift range, while  
the object lens has not reached the target track, and the stepping motor has not  
rotated according to the number of steps.